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In re Application of :  
Shigekazu Kato et al :  
Application No. 09/552,572 : **ON PETITION**  
Filed: April 19, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 503.30414V16 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 22, 2000, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

**Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on November 2, 2000 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.**

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3749 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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